GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAK ACTION AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES
RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY;S. AJAYA KUMAR;SHANKERSINH VAGHELA;SUBODH ROY;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President of Pakistan has announced to curb the terrorist activities and operation of militant groups from Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government in this regard find any change at the ground level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(d) In an address to the Pakistan nation on 12th January 2002, the President of Pakistan committed the government of Pakistan not to support or permit any more the use of Pakistani territory for terrorism anywhere in the world. Government have noted these comments and have stated that India would judge the effectiveness of this commitment not by statements but by concrete action Pakistan takes on the ground to end cross border terrorism in India.

There has been no change in Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. The recent terrorist attack against the American Cultural Center in Kolkatta as also the continued infiltration and killings of innocent men, women and children in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India by Pakistan based terrorist groups, clearly testifies to this fact.